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PLAN TO SUPPORT HYBRID PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research(ICAR) has any plans to support hybrid production in the State Agricultural Universities under a revolving fund system for employing unemployed agricultural graduates in various regional rice research stations of the Universities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTUR (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) supports seed production including hybrid seed production under Revolving Fund Schemes in the State Agricultural Universities/ICAR Institutes.

(b) Several revolving fund schemes are operating and the provisions thereof could be used for supporting hybrid seed production as per General Guidelines for the A.P. Cess Fund Utilization for Ad-hoc Research Schemes and Revolving Fund Schemes (1996) at the ICAR Institutes/State Agricultural Universities. At present, a total of 11 revolving funds schemes are operating in various states of the country for seed production which have multi-crop functioning including rice. The details of the scheme in operation on seed production are given in Annexure-I.

No regular scientific position is created under the schemes. Technical and supporting staff, absolutely required and justifiable are included and these may comprise the agricultural graduates/post-graduates. Students may be engaged in this scheme and suitable remuneration can be paid to them in the form of assistantship.

Annexure-I

Revolving Fund Schemes on Seed Production

Sl. No.	Title of the Scheme	Name of the Centre	Total outlay (Rs. in Lakhs)
1.	Seed production of upland rice varieties	Central Rice Research Institute, Cuttack - actual location at Central Rainfed Upland Rice Research Station, Hazaribagh, Jharkhand	6.00
2.	Monitoring stability of released varieties and production of their quality seed	Directorate of Wheat Research, Karnal, Haryana	1.25
3.	Production of foundation seed of hybrid	University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad, Karnataka	29.87
4.	Breeder seed production of sugarcane clones	Sugarcane Breeding Institute, Regional Research Station, Karnal, Haryana	8.00

5. Production of breeder/ nucleus/quality seed of various crops and multiplication of promising genetic stocks of vegetatively propagated plants	National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources, New Delhi	16.00
6. Production of breeder, foundation and certified seeds of cereals, millets, oilseeds and fodder crops	Allahabad Agricultural Institute, Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh	15.00
7. Nucleus/Breeder seed production of improved groundnut cultivars	International Crop Research Institute for Semi-Arid Tropics, Patancheru, Andhra Pradesh	25.00
8. Breeder seed production of sugarcane varieties	Choudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, Haryana, Regional Research Station, Uchani, Karnal, Haryana	5.00
9. Fodder maize seed production	Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri, Maharashtra	20.00
10. Sugarcane seed production	Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri, Maharashtra	20.00
11. Forage sorghum seed production	Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri, Maharashtra	8.00